and Poverty Alleviation has also launched a programme known as "Two Million Housing Programme" in 1998 which provides for 7 lakh additional houses in urban areas besides 13 lakh additional houses in rural areas each year.

Slum Sanitation Programme Stage-II in Mumbai

430. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted a proposal for grant/credit/loan from the World Bank for implementing Slum Sanitation Programme Stage-II in Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the date of its receipt; and

(c) the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra forwarded a proposal for grant/ credit/loan from the World Bank for implementing Slum Sanitation Programme in Mumbai to this Ministry. The Slum Sanitation Programme (Stage-II) is proposed to be implemented in 7 years upto 2010 and the cost of the works is Rs. 4800 million, including engineering services towards design, project management and physical and cost contingencies. The project aims to provide sustainable improvements to the sanitation, based on demand drivan participatory approach, for the benefit of slum dwellers located on municipal, private and Government lands, to provide water, sewerage, storm water network in and around slums and to integrate the system with the city network and to provide solid waste collection and disposal mechanism with the help of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) from amongst the slum dwellers. The proposal has been received in the Ministry in May, 2004.

(c) The Government of Maharashtra has been requested to furnish certain clarifications on the proposal.

Environmental projects in urban slums

†431. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects being run at present with the help of foreign assistance in the country for environmental improvement in urban slums specially in Himachal Pradesh and since when;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the projects where actual work is yet to start; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for equal distribution of foreign assistance received for the said purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Presently two environmental improvement projects are being implemented with the foreign assistance in urban slum areas.

Name of the Project	Starting Date of the Project
Andhra Pradesh Urban Services for the Poor (APUSP)	3.6.1999
Kolkata Urban Services for the Poor (KUSP)	14.1.2004

No project is being run at present with the help of foreign assistance for environmental improvment in urban slums in Himachal Pradesh.

(c) As and when, the Government of India, receives any proposal from the foreign donor agency offering assistance, it is circulated among the States/UTs seeking project proposals to avail the assistance. This Ministry examines various project proposals received from the States/UTs and gives its recommendations to the Department of Economic Affairs for taking up the matter with the concerned donor agency. However, finally it depends upon the concerned donor agency to select/approve the project proposals according to their policies and priorities.

Schemes/programmes for satellite towns of NCR

432. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any schemes/programmes for urban employment and poverty alleviation for the satellite towns of National Capital like Gurgaon, Faridabad, Panipat, Bahadurgarh, Ghaziabad, NOIDA etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last six months;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government propose to make such schemes in future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?